



VGS Annual General Meeting 2022/2023

October 16, 2023

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Schedule

- 1830 – 1845 AGM, Report, & Election
- 1845 – 1945 VGS Talk – Prof. El Naggar,
University of Western Ontario



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Outline of AGM Report

Past years activities

- Highlights
- Treasurer's Report
- Technical Program

Look ahead at 2023/2024

- VGS Executive
- Technical Program
- Membership Registration Platform – Online Platform

2022/2023 VGS Executive Committee

Chair

Aran Thurairajah, WSP

Past-Chair

Olga Kosarewicz, Rio Tinto

Program Director

Intisar Ahmed, Thurber

Tyler Southam, Tetra Tech

Treasurer

Jared Whitehead, Kontur

Secretary

Muin Ahmed Alif, AECON

Registrar

Thushara Jayasinghe, UBC

Ali Jahanfar, Stantec

Web Manager

Tajinder Singh, Thurber

CGS Director

Marc Bossé, Thurber

Symposium Co-chair

Mahdi Shahrabi, WSP

Student Representative

Yulia Hung, UBC

Member-at-Large

Eryn Alexander, BGC

Emir Hot, Arya Engineering

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2022/2023 Membership

- Membership as of Oct 2023

- Regular: 360
- Students: 31
- Lifetime 13
- Total 404

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2022/2023 Technical Program

November 16, 2022 - AGM

"Changes in Seismic Site Response Analysis Approach to be consistent with the 6th Generation Seismic Hazard Model of Canada" Chris Weech, Thurber Engineering

November 29, 2022 – Fall Cross Canada Lecture Tour

"Sustainable Practices for Geotechnical Engineering" Catherine Mulligan, Concordia University

November 30, 2022 – VGS-ConeTec Short Course

"Pushing, Expanding and Hammering"

January 24, 2023 – TAC-VGS Social Event

"Bridges to Prosperity – 2022 Cyarera Bridge Project" Heather Hughes-Adams, McMillen Jacobs

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2022/2023 Technical Program

February 15, 2023 – VGS-CGS YP Committee panel discussion

“Career Development for Early-Career Geotechnical Engineers”, Andrea Loughheed – BGC Engineering, Chris Vervaeke – TerraCana Foundation Solutions, Juan-Carlos Carvajal – Thurber Engineering Ltd. Patrick Korner – Tetra Tech, Scott McDougall – University of British Columbia, Uthaya Uthayakumar - Stantec

February 23, 2023

“Field Trials of Microbially Induced Desaturation for Earthquake Liquefaction Mitigation in Portland, Oregon” Diane Moug - Portland State University

March 23, 2023

“Shear Wave-Velocity of Liquefied Soil: An Update” Robert Kayen – University of California, Berkeley

March 28, 2023 – 2023 UBC GeoRox Distinguished Lecture

“Mining, Sustainability, and Mine Design Criteria in the Context of a Changing Society” Anthony Hodge, Queens University in Kingston.

2022/2023 Technical Program

April 13, 2023

“Lessons Learned from the SR-99 Highway Tunnel Project in Seattle – Owner’s Perspective” Gregg Korbin, Geotechnical Consultant

May 1, 2023 – Spring Cross Canada Lecture Tour

“Next Generation Liquefaction Hazard Analysis – Data, Issues, and Model Development” Steve Kramer – University of Washington

May 12, 2023 – One Day Short Course

“Basics of Pile Foundations” – Bengt Fellenius

May 17, 2023

“Tailings-Specific Liquefaction Assessment” Mason Ghafghazi – University of Toronto

September 15, 2023 – 29th VGS Symposium

“Geotechnical Engineering in Infrastructure”

2022/2023 VGS Award

2022/2023 VGS award – Karen Savage of Horizon Engineering Inc., Part of RAM.



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2022/2023 Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance	\$110,496.29
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Revenue

Savings Interest	\$747.37
Membership Dues	\$5,740.23
VGS Short Course (November)	\$27,706.55
VGS Short Course (May)	\$23,258.18
VGS Symposium (Registrants and Sponsors)	\$79,601.75
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	\$137,054.08

Expenses

VGS Meetings	\$27,847.39
CCLT	\$3,591.74
VGS Symposium	\$57,103.00
VGS Short Course (November)	\$27,702.32
VGS Short Course (May)	\$18,260.81
VGS Student Award	\$1,000.00
UBC Scholarship	\$20,000.00
Electronics/Internet Expenses	\$1,076.52
Bank/Transaction Fees	\$90.45
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	\$156,672.23

Year-End Closing Balance	\$90,878.14
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Nominations and Elections

- **Additional nominations of members from the floor...**



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2023/2024 VGS Executive Committee

- **Chair** – Intisar Ahmed (Thurber)
- **Secretary** - Karina Stapleton (KCB), Daniel Alphonso (Tetra Tech)
- **Past Chair** - Aran Thurairajah (WSP)
- **Program Director** - Tyler Southam (Tetra Tech), Thushara Jayasinghe (UBC)
- **Treasurer** – Mahdi Shahrabi (WSP)
- **Registrar** – Ibrahim Kawasme (Kiewit), Masood Meidani (BBA)
- **Web Manager** – Muin Ahmed Alif (AECON), Tajinder Singh (Thurber)
- **CGS Director** – Marc Bossé (Thurber)
- **Student Representative** – Simon Wong (UBC)
- **Symposium Committee** - Ali Jahanfar (Stantec), Tajinder Singh (Thurber)
- **Member at Large** – Eryn Alexander (BGC), Aya Bayoumi (WSP), Emir Hot (Arya), Prajakta Jadhav (Ecora), Jared Whitehead (Kontur), Yoshi Tanka (Kontur)

Upcoming Program for 2023/2024

October 16, 2023 – AGM and Fall Cross Canada Lecture Tour

“Helical Piles: Efficient Foundation for Static, Dynamic, and Seismic Applications” Hesham El Naggar, University of Western Ontario

October 26, 2023

“ 'Known knowns, known unknowns and unknown unknowns': Managing Geotechnical Risk using a combination of GBRs and Quantitative Risk Analysis” Joe O'Carroll, Mott MacDonald

February 25-28, 2023 – Geo-Congress 2024

Annual conference of the ASCE Geo-Institute to be held outside of the USA for the first time. Registration is now open (geocongress.org). Conference venue will be the Vancouver Convention Centre.

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2023-2024 Registration

- \$20 per person, free for students
- Payments processed online via Square
- Bulk registrations encouraged
- Accepting Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Interac Visa
- Payment site: <https://vancouver-geotechnical-society.square.site/>
(now live and accessed via <http://v-g-s.ca/> under “The Society” tab)

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The VGS now accepts online payment for [memberships](#). Lifetime members need not renew annually.



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